IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 8 and 15 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A print control method of a printer driver for performing print processing in an operation mode which is automatically determined from among a plurality of operation modes in response to a print request from an application program, said print control method comprising the steps of:

~~a print data generating step of~~ generating print data in an intermediate condition and temporarily storing the generated print data, wherein said print data generating step is responsive to the print request from the application program, and wherein the intermediate condition is independent of a particular page description language;

~~a print data analyzing step of~~ analyzing the temporarily stored generated print data;

~~a determination step of~~ determining the operation mode from among the plurality of operation modes based on a selection criterion and based on the analysis in said print data analyzing step;

~~a print processing step of~~ processing the temporarily stored generated print data in accordance with the determined operation mode;

~~a display step of~~ displaying an evaluation screen for querying evaluation of a printing speed for the print processing ~~or for querying the quality~~ of print produced by the

print processing in a case where the evaluation information set in said setting step indicates that the operation mode is to be evaluated;

~~an evaluation acquisition step of~~ acquiring an evaluation result input by a user via the evaluation screen displayed in said displaying step; and

~~an updating step of~~ updating the selection criterion for determining said operation mode based on the evaluation result acquired in said evaluation acquisition step.

2. and 3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented) A print control method according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a classification step of outputting classification data by analyzing the temporarily stored generated print data so that the print data is classified into one of classifications based on the type of the print data; and

a storage step in which, based on the evaluation result acquired in said evaluation acquisition step and the classification data output in said classification step, the selection criterion is updated.

5. (Previously presented) A print control method according to Claim 4, wherein in said determination step determines the operation mode also based on the classification data.

6. (Previously presented) A print control method according to Claim 1, wherein said displaying step displays a plurality of options to query the evaluation of the printing speed for the print processing or the quality of print produced by the print processing, and wherein said evaluation acquisition step acquires a selected option as the evaluation result.

7. (Previously presented) A print control method according to Claim 1, further comprising a test-print designation step for designating a test print in which a process of querying the evaluation of the print is performed,

wherein, when the test print is designated in said test-print designation step, the evaluation of the print is acquired in said evaluation acquisition step.

8. (Currently amended) A print data processing apparatus for performing print processing in an operation mode which is automatically determined from among a plurality of operation modes in response to a print request from an application program, said print data processing apparatus comprising:

setting means for setting evaluation information indicating whether or not the operation mode is to be evaluated after printing;

print data generating means for generating print data in an intermediate condition and temporarily storing the generated print data, wherein said print data generating means responds to the print request from the application program, and wherein the intermediate condition is independent of a particular page description language;

print data analyzing means for analyzing the temporarily stored generated print data;

determining means for determining the operation mode from among the plurality of operation modes based on a selection criterion and based on the analysis in said print data analyzing means;

print processing means for processing the temporarily stored generated print data in accordance with the determined operation mode;

displaying means for displaying an evaluation screen for querying the user of said print data processing apparatus about evaluation of a printing speed for the print processing ~~or for querying the user about the quality~~ of print produced by the print processing means in a case where the evaluation information set by said setting means indicates that the operation mode is to be evaluated;

evaluation acquisition means for acquiring an evaluation result input by a user via the evaluation screen displayed by said displaying means; and

updating means for updating the selection criterion for determining said operation mode based on the evaluation response acquired by said evaluation acquisition means.

9. and 10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously presented) A print data processing apparatus according to Claim 8, further comprising:

classification means for classifying the print data into one of classifications based on the type of the print data; and

storage means in which, based on the evaluation result acquired by said evaluation acquisition means and the classification data obtained by said classification means, the selection criterion is updated.

12. (Previously presented) A print data processing apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein the determining means determines the operation mode also based on the classification data.

13. (Previously presented) A print data processing apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein said displaying means displays a plurality of options to query the evaluation of the printing speed for the print processing or the quality of print produced by the print processing, and wherein said evaluation acquisition means acquires a selected option as the evaluation result.

14. (Previously presented) A print data processing apparatus according to Claim 8, further comprising test-print designation means for designating a test print in which a process of querying the evaluation of the print is performed,

wherein, when the test print is designated by said test-print designation means, the evaluation of the print is acquired by said evaluation acquisition means.

15. (Currently amended) A computer-executable print control program stored on a computer-readable memory medium, said print control program for controlling a print data processing apparatus to execute print processing in an operation mode which is automatically determined from among a plurality of operation modes in response to a print request from an application program, said print control program comprising:

~~a print data generating step of~~ generating print data in an intermediate condition and temporarily storing the generated print data, wherein said print dat generating step is responsive to the print request from the application program, and wherein the intermediate condition is independent of a particular page description language;

~~a print data analyzing step of~~ analyzing the temporarily stored generated print data;

~~a determination step of~~ determining the operating mode from among the plurality of operation modes based on a selection criterion and based on the analysis in said print data analyzing step;

~~a print processing step of~~ processing the temporarily stored generated print data in accordance with the determined operation mode;

~~a displaying step of~~ displaying an evaluation screen for querying evaluation of a printing speed for the print processing ~~or for querying the quality~~ of print produced by

the print processing in a case where the evaluation information set in said setting step indicates that the operation mode is to be evaluated;

~~an evaluation acquisition step of~~ acquiring an evaluation result input by a user via the evaluation screen displayed in said displaying step; and

~~an updating step for~~ updating the selection criterion for determining said operation mode based on the evaluation result acquired in said response evaluation acquisition step.

16. and 17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) A print control program according to Claim 15, further comprising:

a classification step of outputting classification data by analyzing the temporarily stored generated print data so that the print data is classified into one of classifications based on the type of the print data; and

a storage step in which, based on the evaluation result acquired in said evaluation acquisition step and the classification data output in said classification step, the selection criterion is updated.

19. (Currently amended) A print control program according to Claim 18, wherein said determination step determines the operation mode also based on the classification data.

20. (Previously presented) A print control program according to Claim 15, wherein said displaying step displays a plurality of options to query the evaluation of the printing speed for the print processing or the quality of print produced by the print processing, and wherein said evaluation acquisition step acquires a selected option as the evaluation result.

21. (Previously presented) A print control program according to Claim 15, further comprising a test-print designation step for designating a test print in which a process of querying the evaluation of the print is performed,

wherein, when the test print is designated in said test-print designation step, the evaluation of the print is acquired in said evaluation acquisition step.

22. (Canceled)